

**PSLE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER II**  
**BOOKLET A**

For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write your answer in the brackets provided. (10 marks)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ anyone look for me, please let them know I'll be in my office.  
  - (1) Can
  - (2) Shall
  - (3) Could
  - (4) Should (     )
  
2. My niece, \_\_\_\_\_ I had been teaching for the past few months, did extremely well for her examinations.  
  - (1) who
  - (2) whom
  - (3) which
  - (4) whose (     )
  
3. Siti was at a loss as she heard her best friend \_\_\_\_\_ about cheating during the Science test with another friend of theirs.  
  - (1) discuss
  - (2) discussed
  - (3) discusses
  - (4) was discussing (     )
  
4. Uncle Ted is going to bring my brother and \_\_\_\_\_ to Legoland as a reward for doing well in school.  
  - (1) I
  - (2) me
  - (3) my
  - (4) myself (     )
  
5. Juana is 12 years old \_\_\_\_\_ of yesterday.  
  - (1) because
  - (2) since
  - (3) as
  - (4) at (     )

6. Rather than \_\_\_\_\_ on him for help, I decided to do it myself.
- (1) count
  - (2) counts
  - (3) counted
  - (4) counting ( )
7. Mr Tan rarely talks much, \_\_\_\_\_ he?
- (1) did
  - (2) does
  - (3) didn't
  - (4) doesn't ( )
8. Many schools \_\_\_\_\_ the country have implemented a longer recess period for their students.
- (1) on
  - (2) at
  - (3) across
  - (4) throughout ( )
9. I often dream of buying my parents a huge castle if I \_\_\_\_\_ a billionaire.
- (1) is
  - (2) am
  - (3) was
  - (4) were ( )
10. Tasha is one of the students who \_\_\_\_\_ to volunteer to be a buddy for the Primary One students.
- (1) wish
  - (2) wishes
  - (3) wishing
  - (4) has wished ( )

**For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write your answer in the brackets provided. (5 marks)**

11. After many weeks of quarrelling, they finally \_\_\_\_\_ their differences.
- (1) pacified
  - (2) mediated
  - (3) appeased
  - (4) reconciled ( )
12. A bomb was found behind the building and a team of experts was called in to \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- (1) diffuse
  - (2) defuse
  - (3) extract
  - (4) explode ( )
13. The protestors are hoping to \_\_\_\_\_ changes in the way the country is run.
- (1) bring in
  - (2) bring on
  - (3) bring along
  - (4) bring about ( )
14. Dan's mean and cruel personality is hidden behind his friendly \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) image
  - (2) facade
  - (3) mirage
  - (4) charade ( )
15. The movie \_\_\_\_\_ put me off from wanting to watch it.
- (1) revue
  - (2) critique
  - (3) feedback
  - (4) assessment ( )

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Write your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

(5 marks)

Wars do not involve only the military. The sad truth is that hardly anyone escapes its effects. In a war, key (16) installations are targeted as the aim of the enemy is to (17) cripple the other. The enemy would destroy water sources, major transportation routes, power generators and even hospitals. It is not difficult to see that the consequences are (18) dire. The military would not be the only ones affected as civilians, including friends and loved ones, would experience food and water shortages. Imagine being trapped at home in the dark, living in constant fear as planes fly overhead and (19) litter the area with bombs.

The outrages of war do not end there. Losing the war could bring about further misery in the hands of captors. Our grandparents can testify to the misery of having to endure the Japanese soldiers' (20) sadistic treatment. It was common for one's family members to be dragged away for questioning, only to never return.

16. (1) fittings  
(2) centres  
(3) facilities  
(4) premises ( )
17. (1) mutilate  
(2) handicap  
(3) immobilise  
(4) disadvantage ( )
18. (1) fearful  
(2) drastic  
(3) pressing  
(4) disastrous ( )

19. (1) spew  
(2) pollute  
(3) scatter  
(4) disperse ( )
20. (1) tragic  
(2) inhumane  
(3) unbearable  
(4) melancholic ( )

Study this poster and then answer questions 21 to 28.

## MOONLIGHT MARATHON

Age	Distance (Km)	Early Bird (before 1 Nov)	Regular
13-17	10	\$25	\$30
18-39	10	\$35	\$40
> 39	10	\$30	\$35
13-17	21	\$40	\$45
18-39	21	\$50	\$55
> 39	21	\$45	\$40
13-17	42	\$60	\$65
18-39	42	\$70	\$75
> 39	42	\$65	\$60

**\*Registration closes 14 November**



Hope for Tomorrow is proud to organise the Moonlight Marathon, in partnership with the Care for Cancer Committee (C-Cube). In a bid to support their efforts in the areas of research, raising public awareness as well as providing assistance to patients, we are proud to make a special pledge: For every runner who registers for the Moonlight Marathon, \$15 from the registration fee will be donated to the Care for Cancer Committee. At the race lobby, there will also be a roadshow with interactive games, crowd performances and educational booths offering information on cancer, its prevention and the treatments available.

**1 JANUARY 2020 @ MARINA PROMONTARY - 6PM TO MIDNIGHT**

**\* No bicycles & PMDs allowed \* No refunds available \* Judges decisions final \***

Here are a few initiatives by the Care for Cancer Committee which you can support.

#### **C-CUBE CHARITY SHOW**

Held on 4 February, in commemoration with World Cancer Day 2020, the C-Cube Charity Show is without doubt the biggest charity event in the region. This coming reiteration promises to be the best yet! With appearances by various local and regional celebrities and special guest appearances by international actors and singers, make sure you book your front row seats for an experience of a lifetime!

#### **SCHOOL VISITS**

The Care for Cancer Committee will be visiting educational institutions across Singapore to promote awareness and to educate the younger generation. C-Cube needs your help to provide needy children with extra pocket money and to purchase memorabilia such as pens and mugs sold should they visit your child's school.

#### **CHAMPIONS**

'Champions' is a new television series to be aired in 2020. The series will showcase cancer survivors who will share their experiences living with and overcoming cancer, as well as encourage those who are still battling cancer.

#### **CREDIT CARD PROMOTION**

Register with a FOSC credit card to enjoy a 15% discount

#### **GROUP PROMOTION**

Sign up as a group of 5 to enjoy a 20% discount!

#### **ALL MARATHON RUNNERS WILL RECEIVE:**

- Moonlight Marathon singlet
- Moonlight Marathon shorts
- Moonlight Marathon shoe bag
- Moonlight Marathon water bottle
- Finishers Medal (for those who complete the marathon)
- Moonlight Marathon Finishers T-shirt (for those who complete 42 km)

#### **RACE PACK COLLECTION**

2nd December @ The Esplanade

For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write your answer in the brackets provided. (8 marks)

21. Mrs Saleha is 39 years old. How much would she have to pay for a 21-km run if she signed up on 1 November?
- (1) \$40
  - (2) \$45
  - (3) \$50
  - (4) \$55 ( )
22. Which of the following will result in the lowest race registration fee?
- (1) signing up with four other friends
  - (2) paying with the preferred credit card
  - (3) registering during the Early Bird period
  - (4) choosing to participate in a longer distance run ( )
23. What will a participant who finishes 3rd in a 10-km race **not** receive?
- (1) \$200
  - (2) A Finishers Medal
  - (3) A Moonlight Marathon singlet
  - (4) A Moonlight Marathon Finishers T-shirt ( )
24. What is the objective of the roadshow?
- (1) raising funds
  - (2) raising public awareness
  - (3) supporting cancer research
  - (4) providing assistance to patients ( )
25. Which of the initiatives is **not** one which involves a monetary contribution?
- (1) Champions
  - (2) School Visits
  - (3) The Moonlight Marathon
  - (4) The C-Cube Charity Show ( )



26. Which of the following would **not** be considered as memorabilia?
- (1) Coasters
  - (2) Keychains
  - (3) Notepad sets
  - (4) Donation cards ( )
27. Which of the following best describes the cancer survivors on Champions?
- (1) successful and rich
  - (2) determined and firm
  - (3) inspirational and moving
  - (4) smart and knowledgeable ( )
28. What is the **main** purpose of the poster?
- (1) to promote awareness about C-Cube
  - (2) to help commemorate World Cancer Day
  - (3) to highlight the various events C-Cube has planned
  - (4) to encourage runners to sign up during the Early Bird period ( )

**PSLE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER II  
BOOKLET B**

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38 in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

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|-------------|------------|--------------|----------|----------|
| (A) when    | (D) should | (G) although | (K) is   | (N) for  |
| (B) during  | (E) are    | (H) while    | (L) few  | (P) from |
| (C) against | (F) may    | (J) thus     | (M) some | (Q) of   |
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Do you snore in your sleep? Well, snoring is a common problem that can affect anyone regardless (29) \_\_\_\_\_ age. Snoring happens when a person is unable to breathe freely through his or her nose and mouth (30) \_\_\_\_\_ sleep.

The irritating sound is caused when certain parts in the mouth and throat such as the tongue and the upper throat vibrate and knock (31) \_\_\_\_\_ one another. (32) \_\_\_\_\_ snoring is not a serious medical problem, it can affect the quality of sleep of both the snorer and those who live with him or her.

There are a (33) \_\_\_\_\_ causes that lead to snoring. Allergies can result in a blocked nose and prevent a person (34) \_\_\_\_\_ breathing normally while sleeping. Research states that being overweight can cause the narrowing of airways, (35) \_\_\_\_\_ resulting in snoring. Snoring is also linked to sleep apnea – a serious sleep disorder in which the patient actually stops breathing (36) \_\_\_\_\_ short amounts of time. This can be life-threatening.

In some cases, sleep (37) \_\_\_\_\_ be disrupted because the tissue that separates the two nostrils in the nose (38) \_\_\_\_\_ crooked. Surgery is recommended in this case as it will not only stop the snoring, but also assist in breathing more easily.

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error.  
Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

(39)

I used to have a pet dog named Brave. My friends were always envy of me,

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and of him. Brave was on the playful side, and we would ophen play together and run

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around the neighbourhood park. He gritted me when I returned home, wagging his tail.

(42)

It had been another tipikal day at school. I was on my way home when I came

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around a young brown mutt at the side of the road. It was wining. I followed it into the

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park out of curious, where I found a larger red dog lying on its side. I was heartbroken

(46)

when I realised it was dying. Since the larger dog drew its last breath, I decided that I

(47)

would take care of the young dog, in place at its mother. I brought it home and named it Brave.

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At first, my mother was edament against having Brave stay with us. However,

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after much pleading and persuade, my parents allowed me to keep him. Brave was to be my best friend throughout my childhood.

(50)

It has been two years since Brave past away. I watched him grow from a small puppy to a large, dependable dog. I grew with him, and when he died, a part of me died with him.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

While technology may disrupt many industries including education, schools will remain the mainstay for learning, \_\_\_\_\_ to the Education Ministry. Technology, it said, can transform how education is delivered, \_\_\_\_\_ schools will remain relevant.

\_\_\_\_\_ to reporters, a Ministry spokesman said, "There is a lot of exchange of values, students learning from each other, from tutors, lecturers, mentors, working in teams. All this cannot be replaced." He added that the \_\_\_\_\_ will continue to focus and support the use of Information and Communications Technology \_\_\_\_\_ learning, citing its new online \_\_\_\_\_ for learning, which will be \_\_\_\_\_ out to all schools by end May.

The platform allows \_\_\_\_\_ customised learning, with interactive features for feedback from teachers and peer collaboration. It also \_\_\_\_\_ videos, games and quizzes to enhance learning.

While there \_\_\_\_\_ been some discussion about technology having the unintended consequence of worsening social stratification, the ministry believes it is \_\_\_\_\_ a social leveller.

The new \_\_\_\_\_ learning tool will help level the playing field as it gives all students, \_\_\_\_\_ of school, the same access to quality learning resources. The hope is that it will encourage educators to incorporate their own ideas and \_\_\_\_\_ share them throughout the education system.

Over time, it is also hoped that schools can have a marketplace of ideas, and the best \_\_\_\_\_ will be adopted and become the dominant way of delivering certain lessons.

**For each of the questions from 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)**

66. I was called back to the office. I had just entered the house.

No sooner \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

67. Meena started to break down when she heard the news of her grandmother's passing.

\_\_\_\_\_ whereupon  
\_\_\_\_\_.

68. Amy and Ally played quietly. Their baby brother might wake up.

\_\_\_\_\_ lest \_\_\_\_\_.

69. The spectators were inspired. Amelia was tenacious during the race.

Amelia's \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

70. Tom told Cindy, "I waited here for you this morning but you did not show up."

Tom told Cindy \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Another year had passed, and my birthday was around the corner again! I was twelve this year, and I was looking forward to what the day would bring. Last year, my friends had thrown me a lavish celebration. I recalled the wonderful birthday cake my friends had bought. They had also pooled their money together to buy me an expensive watch. My mind raced as I imagined the possibilities for this year.

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As I left the house for school, Mother reminded me not to return home too late today. I walked with light steps to school, anxious to see what my friends had in store for me.

To my disappointment, my friends had not prepared anything special for me. On the contrary, they acted normally. Perhaps they did not realise that today was my birthday! Gingerly, I struck up a conversation with one of my friends.

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"It's a wonderful day today, isn't it?" I asked. "Certainly befitting the occasion."

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"The weather is fine indeed!" was the reply. Surely my friends would take the hint to what "occasion" was being referred to! Apparently, the thought of my birthday never crossed their minds. I grumbled indignantly to myself. What kind of friend forgets their friend's birthday?

Finally, the day was over. I wanted to spend some time with my friends, but they each had their excuses. "We're sorry, but we're busy today. Perhaps another day?" was what I heard. Somehow, I doubted that.

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Dejectedly, I headed home. It was clear that my friends were avoiding me for some reason. But why would my friends avoid me like the plague? Perhaps they were angry at me. Did I do something to offend them? Thoughts whirled through my head. They kept nagging at me all the way home.

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As I opened the door to my house, the lights suddenly lit up. Surprised, I looked up. My friends were waiting for me in my house! "Surprise!" they shouted. My sorrow instantly turned to happiness. They had been planning this celebration for me all this time!

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Overjoyed, I rushed into the living room to find a beautiful cake waiting for me, baked by my friends. Beside it was a pile of presents. My friends must

have worked hard to prepare for this occasion. Joining in the fun and laughter, I ran up to my friends and gave them each a big hug. I have such wonderful friends!

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After the celebrations were over, I reflected on how the day had gone. I wondered how I could have doubted my friends so badly. I resolved to trust my friends more. When my friends' birthdays came next, I would definitely give them a big surprise as well!

71. Which phrase in paragraph shows that the writer was anticipating a wonderful day ahead? [1m]

72. In paragraph 1, what "possibilities" were the writer imagining? [2m]

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73. Based on information from lines 3 to 11, fill in the blanks in the following table. [2m]

	How the writer felt	What made the writer feel that way
(i)		The writer recalled the wonderful cake his friends had bought him.
(ii)	let down	

74. What was the writer's intention when he talked to his friends in school? [2m]

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75. Do you think the writer's friends were lying when they told the writer that they were busy? Why do you say so? [2m]

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76. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_ The writer tried to steer the conversation to his favour.

\_\_\_\_\_ The writer was rejected by his friends.

\_\_\_\_\_ The writer became upset with his friends.

77. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column in the right. [2m]

	<b>Word in the passage</b>	<b>What the word refer(s) to</b>
(i)	that (line 21)	
(ii)	they (line 25)	

78. Choose words from lines 26 to 36 which have similar meanings to the words below. [3m]

<b>grief</b>	
<b>elated</b>	
<b>decided</b>	



79. Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

		True/False	Reason
(i)	The writer's friends bought him a cheap present last year.		
(ii)	The writer was startled when he entered his house.		
(iii)	The writer wanted to pay his friends back in kind.		

80. The passage tells the story of the wonderful friendship between the writer and his friends. State the differences between the writer's birthday this year and the previous year, based on what his friends did. [2m]

	This year	The previous year
(i) cake		
(ii) presents		

**END OF PAPER**